

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
LARUE COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2006**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE LARUE COUNTY SHERIFF

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2006**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the LaRue County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2006. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$9,797 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$14,531 as of December 31, 2006. Revenues decreased by \$14,660 from the prior year and expenditures decreased by \$4,863.

Debt Obligations:

Total debt principal as of December 31, 2006, was \$29,292. Future collections of \$30,876 are needed over the next four years to pay all debt principal and interest.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities as of December 31, 2006. However, as of December 11, 2006, the Sheriff's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

- Uncollateralized and Uninsured \$784,138

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The Honorable Tommy Turner, LaRue County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Bobby Shoffner, LaRue County Sheriff
Members of the LaRue County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of LaRue County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2006. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 31, 2007, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable Tommy Turner, LaRue County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Bobby Shoffner, LaRue County Sheriff
Members of the LaRue County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and Fiscal Court of LaRue County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

May 31, 2007

LARUE COUNTY
BOBBY SHOFFNER, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2006

Revenues

State Fees For Services:

Finance and Administration Cabinet	\$	13,063
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Circuit Court Clerk:

Sheriff Security Service	\$ 705	
Fines and Fees Collected	3,798	
Court Ordered Payments	6,803	11,306

Fiscal Court		5,640
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County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		460
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Commission On Taxes Collected		167,842
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Fees Collected For Services:

Auto Inspections	3,959	
Accident and Police Reports	331	
Serving Papers	16,690	
10% Add-on Fees	22,549	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	4,750	48,279

Other:

Transport Prisoners	2,157	
Vehicle Insurance Claim	4,851	
Miscellaneous	6,328	13,336

Interest Earned		186
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Borrowed Money:

State Advancement		75,000
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Total Revenues		335,112
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LARUE COUNTY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2006
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Expenditures

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries \$ 102,497

Other Salaries 20,732

Contracted Services-

Advertising 2,099

Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs 2,814

Materials and Supplies-

Office Materials and Supplies 3,857

Uniforms 4,651

Auto Expense-

Maintenance and Repairs 7,138

Mileage 1,046

Transport Fugitives 707

Other Charges-

Conventions and Travel 1,433

Range and Ammunition 549

Cell Phone 3,771

Drug Enforcement Equipment 221

Insurance 312

Bond 1,899

Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits 2,715

Marijuana Strike Force 5,614

Miscellaneous 3,748

Debt Service:

State Advancement 75,000

Vehicle Lease 10,437

Total Expenditures \$ 251,240

Net Revenues 83,872

Less: Statutory Maximum 69,341

Excess Fees Due County for 2006 14,531

Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit* \$ 14,531

*Note - The Sheriff presented a check to the County Treasurer for the balance due Fiscal Court on July 17, 2007.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2006

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.310 requires the Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2006 services
- Reimbursements for 2006 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2006

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2006
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 10.98 percent for the first six months and 13.19 percent for the last six months of the year. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 25.01 percent for the first six months and 28.21 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of December 31, 2006, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement. However, as of December 11, 2006, \$784,138 of public funds were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

- Uncollateralized and Uninsured \$784,138

LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2006
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Note 4. Leases

- A. The LaRue County Fiscal Court was committed to a lease agreement with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust for vehicles for the Sheriff's department. The office of the Sheriff is required to make monthly payments from its revenues. The agreement requires a monthly payment of various amounts for 6 years to be completed on March 20, 2010. The total remaining principal balance of the agreement was \$28,116 as of December 31, 2006.
- B. The office of the Sheriff was committed to a lease agreement with Bean Publishing Company/Kerr OP for a copier. The agreement requires a monthly payment of \$98 for 36 months to be completed on December 15, 2007. The total remaining balance of the agreement was \$1,176 as of December 31, 2006.

Note 5. Drug Fund

The LaRue County Sheriff opened a Drug Fund in July 2004 with court ordered forfeited money. These receipts are to be used for drug-related law enforcement. The fund had a beginning balance of \$3,728 as of January 1, 2006. During the year the Sheriff had receipts of \$39,807 and expenditures of \$31,543, leaving a balance as of December 31, 2006 of \$11,992.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the LaRue County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 2007. The Sheriff's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the LaRue County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LaRue County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An
Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance
With Government Auditing Standards
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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the LaRue County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2006, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the LaRue County Fiscal Court, and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

May 31, 2007

